

# **Connecticut Forum on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities**

## **Statewide Advisory Committee**

In January 2008, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/*VSA arts* convened a Statewide Advisory Committee to plan the forum. Advisory committee members represent a broad section of the arts, disability and education communities in the state. Since January, in preparation for the forum, committee members hosted five focus groups to solicit input from artists, advocates, service providers, organizations and state agencies; and disseminated an Artist Find/Call for Artists to reach out to artists.

Special thanks to all members of the Advisory Committee for their hard work and contribution!

### **Conveners:**

#### **Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism**

An-Ming Truxes, Arts Division Director  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Presenters and Speakers

Susan Murray Docker, Senior Program Associate  
Statewide Advisory Committee Co-Chair  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Co-Chair of Art Exhibits

#### **Young Audiences Arts for Learning Connecticut/*VSA arts***

Eileen M. Carpinella, Executive Director  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Sponsorships

Judith A. Mortensen, *VSA arts* Program Manager  
Statewide Advisory Committee Co-Chair

### **Current Statewide Advisory Committee Members:**

#### **A.J. Pappanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, University of Connecticut Medical Center**

Molly Cole, Associate Director

#### **American School For the Deaf**

Audrey Garvin, Assistant Principal Jr/Sr High School

#### **Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)**

Andrew Norton, Legislative and Legal Affairs Director

#### **Bureau of Rehabilitation Services**

Allyson Pequita, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

#### **City of New Haven, Office of Cultural Affairs**

Margaret Bodell, Curator and Public Art Consultant  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Co-Chair of Art Exhibits

#### **Connecticut Children's Museum**

Sandra Malmquist, Director

#### **Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center, Inc. (CPAC)**

Starr Champion, Parent Consultant

**CREC Soundbridge School**

Marion Radeen, Supervisor

**Connecticut Expressive Arts**

Susan Rosano, Expressive Arts Specialist

**Connecticut Department of Children and Families**

Darlene Key, Children Services Consultant

**Connecticut Office of Protection & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities**

Elanah Sherman, Advocate

**Connecticut State Department of Education**

Jacqueline Kelleher, Ph.D., Education Consultant,  
Bureau of Special Education

**Drumming-About-You**

Bob Bloom, Artist

**Eastern Connecticut State University, Visual Arts Department**

Terry Lennox, Assistant Professor, Digital Arts & Design  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of PR & Marketing

**National Theatre of the Deaf**

Aaron Kubey, Executive Director

**Quinebaug Valley Community College**

Susan D. Huard, Dean of Learning and Student Development

**Saint Joseph College, Gengras Center**

Rick Alfonso, Director of Music

**Saint Joseph College, The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities**

Robert Smith, Director  
Statewide Advisory Sub-Committee Chair of Venue & Event

**The University of Hartford, The Hartt School**

Dee Hansen, Associate Professor, Music Education

**Yale Repertory Theatre**

Ruth M. Feldman, Director of Education and Accessibility Services